



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: The Ten Commandments: Part 1

In the next few newsletter articles, I will be writing about the Ten Commandments. The sources for my articles will be the Bible, the Prayer Book and *To Be a Christian*, an Anglican Catechism approved for use by the Anglican Church in North America in 2019.

There are three basic constituents of traditional Catholic catechesis: the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. The first of these corresponds to responding to God by believing in Jesus and God's revealed truth about Him; the second corresponds to responding to God by belonging to Jesus and praying to God through Him; and the third corresponds to responding to God by becoming like Jesus in

doing God's will. The Holy Spirit enables us to answer God's call in these ways (p. 89, *To Be a Christian*).

Conforming our lives to the life of the Lord Jesus Christ follows from our Baptismal vow, ratified at Confirmation, to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (p. 297, *Book of Common Prayer*,

lasting life is offered to Mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and Man, being both God and Man. Wherefore they are not to be heard, which feign that the old Fathers did look only for transitory

promises. Although the Law given from God by Moses, as touching Ceremonies and Rites, do not bind

Christian men, nor the Civil precepts thereof ought of necessity to be received in any commonwealth; yet notwithstanding, no Christian man whatsoever is free from the

You shall have
no other gods
before Me.

er, 1928). Therefore, we are obliged to obey the moral law of the Old Testament. This is borne out by Article VII of the Articles of Religion in the Prayer Book:

The Old Testament is not contrary to the New: for both in the Old and New Testament ever-

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obedience of the
Commandments
which are called
Moral.

p. 604, *The Book
of Common
Prayer*, 1928

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Law (*Romans 10:4*), declared that He had not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it (*St. Matthew 5:17*). Therefore, quite rightly Thomas à Kempis wrote, “Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ” (Chapter 1, paragraph 1, *The Imitation of Christ*). Now the Lord Jesus Christ gave us the Summary of the Law (*St. Matthew 22:37-40*), which is read at the service of Holy Communion whenever the Ten Commandments are not read:

Thou shalt love
the Lord thy God
with all thy heart,
and with all thy
soul, and with all
thy mind. This is
the first and great
commandment.
And the second is
like unto it; Thou
shalt love thy
neighbor as thy-
self. On these
two command-
ments hang all
the Law and the
Prophets.

p. 69, *The Book
of Common
Prayer*, 1928

The first of these commandments, to love the Lord God with all of our being, is given us first in *Deuteronomy 6:5*, and the second, to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is given us first in *Leviticus 19:18*. The fact that the Lord Jesus Christ put these two greatest commandments together teaches us how interconnected the two are.

Now it might be argued that if Israel failed to keep the Ten Commandments, how can Christians succeed in keeping them? There is a great difference now! Though we fail to keep them, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself through His Holy Spirit puts in our hearts the will to keep God’s commandments and gives us the grace to keep them. At any rate, we must call on God for His grace to obey His commandments. This is emphasized in the Catechism of the 1928 *Prayer Book*:

Catechist. My good Child, know this; that thou art not able to do these things of thyself, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve Him, without His special grace; which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer.

p. 580, *The Book
of Common
Prayer*, 1928

Obedience to the commands of God through our Lord Jesus Christ is an essential part of the Christian way of life (*St. Matthew 28:20*; *St. John 14:15*; see p. 90, *To Be a Christian*). A very important aspect of how the Lord Jesus mediated God’s Law to us is His teaching that even in our thoughts and words, as well as our actions, we must obey God’s commandments (*St. Matthew 5:21-30*; *St. Mark 7:20-23*).

Now the Ten Commandments are both a summary and an outline of God’s Law (*Exodus 20:1-17*; *Deuteronomy 5:7-21*) given by God to Israel at Mt. Sinai as the terms of the Old Covenant so that they might keep these commandments, conform themselves to God’s will, and serve as “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (*Exodus 19:6a*, KJV), the very calling in which all Christians share, according to *I St. Peter 2:9*. We, as the Church, can only fulfill this call of God by conforming ourselves to Christ’s character and by putting our faith in Him. The Ten Commandments are God’s righteous laws for life in His kingdom, and the basic rules for loving God and neighbor. In obeying them, the Christian bears witness with the Church to God’s righteousness ([Question](#)

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(Continued from page 2) 264, **To Be a Christian**). The Ten Commandments show up our sin in the light of God's righteousness, guide us to Christ, and teach us what pleases God (Question 266, **To Be a Christian**).

The First Commandment is "I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before

Me." (**Exodus 20:1-2**, KJV). The Lord God, who brought Israel out of the land of Egypt, the God of the Bible, is the only true God, and it is He to whom Christians must give themselves wholly and whom they must love completely

(Question 269, **To Be a Christian**)

Biblical references that support this commandment are

Exodus 3:1-15;

Deuteronomy 6:4-5;

Psalms 86:8-13; **St. Mark 12:29-34**; **Revelation 15:3-4**.

The meaning of having no other gods before the Lord God is that there must be no-one (neither a human being nor a demon masquerading as a deity) more important than God and nothing more important than Him and obeying His will. We must worship God only and love, respect, and

trust Him more than anyone or anything else. The first four of the Ten Commandments are summed up in the First of the Two Great Commandments.

Because of our sinful human nature, we are often tempted to love and trust both other people and other things more than God when they seem attractive to us. It is easy also to conform to the pressures of the current age rather than stand for

and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

I St. John 2:15-17, KJV

The love of God the Father conflicts with the love of the hostile belief systems of the world, and

the latter are all passing away, whereas those who do the will of God live forever in communion with God. As we reflect on this first of the Ten Commandments to assess both our shortcomings in obeying it and ways in which we can obey it more fully, let us also realize the value of this commandment as a reminder to hold fast to God who lives forever!

– *The Reverend Chris Parrish*

Loving God
with all we have
drives
us to love
all people.

God's truth and His Word. Hence, in **I St. John** we read this timely warning:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes,

A Bit about Before: An Old Bulletin

Looking through some of the Reverend George McNeely's church things, Lee Ann Vojvoda found this old bulletin dated January 9, 1972. "I am sure that he kept it for the prayer on the front, which is beautiful by the way," she writes, "but the inside is interesting, too—a snapshot of the Chapel in 1972!"

A Prayer for This Church

Almighty Father of all mankind, we pray that this church may be always a fit place for Thy presence. At its doors, may there be a welcome for all souls. In its school, may little children be taught about the kindness of the Good Shepherd. Here may young men and maidens come to be prepared for the struggle of life. In this church, may both Youth and Age face aright the problems of our day. Here may the strong become aware of their need for Thy power, the weak obtain courage, and the poor and desolate find friends and help. Here may doubts be dispelled as mists before the rising sun. Here may those beset by temptation find deliverance, may wanderers from God find joy in return, and may those living in sin escape from its power. Here may souls be baptized into holy faith and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. In

this sanctuary, may the sacrament of bread and wine give mystic communion with Christ and fellowship in His sufferings. At this altar, may there be joined, by true marriage, hearts steadfast in love. Here may the ministry be magnified and young men imbued with zeal to enter this sacred work. From this pulpit, may there be preached words of comfort, admonition, and divine truth. Here may the Law of Love be set forward as the Law of Life and the foundation of justice. With quiet devotion, may the Prince of Peace be here adored. In His name, may the spirit that makes for Peace be cherished and the spirit that makes for War be cast out. Grant that Thy children may abide here in concord and explore together the joys of the life of the spirit. May their faith be certified by good works and just stewardship, and may their sacrificial giving send the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In this Thy dwelling place, may all uncharitableness perish and all selfish desires fade away in the light of Thy presence. And so may this church, through its manifold ministry, be a means of grace and blessing to those within it. When any go elsewhere, may its influence for good be shed abroad to the glory of God. All this we ask in the name of Christ, that His Kingdom may come and the will of God be done

here and everywhere.
Amen.

The Narrow Way

God is so high you can't
get above Him;
God is so low you can't
get below Him;
God is so wide you can't
get around Him;
You better come
in by the
gate.
— A Spiritual

Pause

Pause ere thou enter,
traveller, and bethink
thee, how holy and yet
how homelike is this
place. Time that though
spendest here will link
thee with men unknown
who once were of thy
race. This is thy Father's
house, to Him address
thee, who here His chil-
dren worship face to face.
He, at thy coming in,
with peace will bless
thee, thy going out make
joyful with His grace.
— A prayer on the porch
of a church

Organist: In the absence of Patricia Roybal, the regular organist, substituting today is one of our young people, Debbie Cribbins. We are proud of Debbie and encourage her in her first debut. *Incidentally, ladies*, remember the baby shower for Patricia on Thursday!

Wedding Bells: Mr. James P. Morgan and Miss Gay N. Yeaw were joined together in Holy Matrimony in our Chapel

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yesterday afternoon. Congratulations and every good wish to the happy couple! We are also delighted that James and Gay have become members of our Chapel at this time; such news always gladdens our hearts and augurs well for the future.

“All loves should be simply stepping-stones to God.”

The Annual Parish Meeting and Pot-luck Supper is this evening at 5:00 PM in the new hall. We hope you will make every effort to attend this

important meeting. Provision is made for child-care.

Welcome: We welcome any guests worshipping with us today and hope you will come again. We cordially invite you to participate with us in the hospitality hour immediately following the service.

If after Kirk ye
bide a wee,
there's some
may like to
speak to thee.

If after Kirk ye
rise and flee,
we'll all

seem cauld
an' stiff tae
ye.

The one that's in
the seat wi'
ye, is
stranger here
than you may
be.

All here hae got
their fears
and cares;
add ye your
soul to ithers
prayers and
be our angel
unawares.



Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop Foley Beach;

Bishop Richard Lipka;

Canon Michael Penfield;

Father Chris Parrish;

Deacon Peter Vogel; and

Deacon Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President Joe Biden; and

Governor

Gavin Newsom;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coasties, guardians, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;

all refugees;

the people and leaders of Ukraine

in this time of war;

the victims of a school shooting at Uvalde, Texas, and their families;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Joya de Rossett;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Tanya Theiler;

Mark Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Flo;

Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko Ikegami;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Frank Capone;

Rose Handwerker;

Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Moe Martinez;

Victoria Grace;

Sharon Veach;

Theo Frensch;

Diane Ahlport;

Christina;

Father Thomas and Lora Vece;

Haley and Gabriella;

John and Heidi Donnelly;

Ray and Elodia Boreham and Family;

Julia McNeely; and

Snigdha Sunkara;

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

This prayer list was current as of June 26th, and the people of St. Luke's will pray for each need until we are notified that it has been met. Please contact Father Parrish to add or remove names. Thank you!



A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD,
Holy Ghost,
Sanctifier of the faithful,
visit, we pray Thee,
the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills
with Thy love and favour;
enlighten our minds more and more
with the light of the everlasting Gospel;
graft in our hearts a love of the truth;
increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness;
and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same,
O blessed Spirit,
Whom, with the Father and the Son together,
we worship and glorify as one God,
world without end.
Amen.

In Times of Great Sickness and Mortality

O MOST mighty and merciful God,
in this time of grievous sickness,
we flee unto Thee for succour.
Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from our peril;
give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick;
prosper the means made use of for their cure;
and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is,
we may apply our hearts
unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For Rain

O GOD, heavenly Father,
Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ
hast promised to all those who seek Thy kingdom,
and the righteousness thereof,
all things necessary to their bodily sustenance;
send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity,
such moderate rain and showers,
that we may receive the fruits of the earth
to our comfort, and to Thy honour;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Making Ourselves Known

Now that Covid restrictions have eased, our Chapel Family finds itself with new opportunities to engage with our neighbors in community events such as the Fourth of July Parade. Wouldn't it be great if we had an easy way to identify ourselves to others? The Outreach Committee think so, too. Announcing our latest program:

The St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills T-shirt Contest!

Who may enter:

Absolutely anyone may enter this contest. There is no age limit. Entries will be accepted from individuals and

from groups.

How to enter:

Draw or print your design on an 8.5-inch by 11-inch piece of paper with a T-shirt outline on it. Indicate what color(s) your design will feature (or color it in yourself). Put your name and contact information on the reverse. Either give the design to Julia McNeely or Kim Vogel or send it to the Chapel.

Note that multiple designs will be accepted from individuals or groups, and every design will receive consideration.

Deadline for entries:

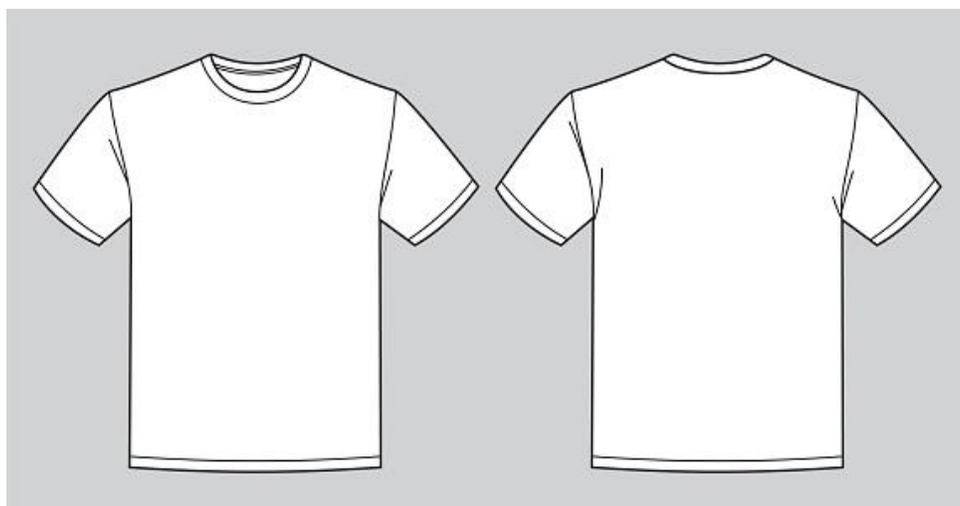
All entries must be received by 11:15 AM on Sunday, August 7th.

Judging:

This is a simple contest. All entries will be numbered and posted on the large bulletin board in McNeely Hall. Every person present on Sunday, August 7th, will be asked to select their favorite design from the display. The design with the most votes will be used for the Chapel Family T-shirts.

Grand and only prize:

The designer(s) of the winning T-shirt will receive the undying gratitude of their brothers and sisters in Christ with the pleasure of unlimited bragging rights!



Parish Postings

Thanks be to God! Covid cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are declining in Santa Clara County. The threat is still very real, though, so please protect yourself by keeping your hands clean, social-distancing, and wearing a mask in crowded indoor spaces.



Sunday Morning Bible Study continues with the study of the *Frist Epistle of St. John* on Sundays at 9:15 AM. All are welcome!



The Vestry will meet after Holy Communion and Fellowship on Sunday, July 17th. All interested parishioners are invited to observe.



Every Friday at 10:00 AM, Clark Patteson and Father Parrish have a telephone call in which they pray for our parish. If you would like to take part in this brief telephonic prayer meeting, please contact Father Parrish or Clark Patteson.



The Vestry is collecting funds to paint the Chapel exterior. Please write *Chapel Painting* on your offertory envelope or check memo line when contributing to this project. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 1st

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, July 3rd

The Third Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Monday, July 4th

Independence Day

Friday, July 8th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, July 10th

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, July 15th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, July 17th

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
11:30 AM

Friday, July 22nd

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, July 24th

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

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Office of Morning Prayer
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, July 29th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, July 31st

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, August 5th

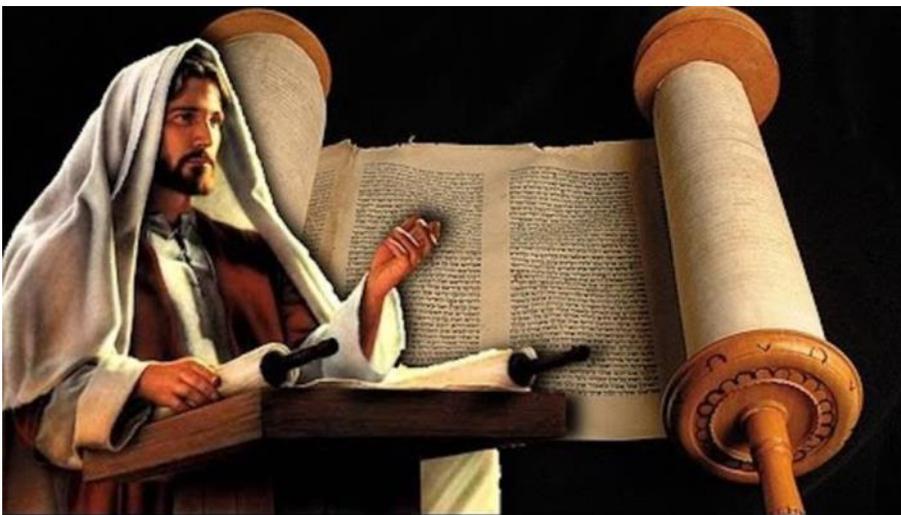
Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, August 7th

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship soon!

**"A place
where the Bible is taught."**



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

(with Healing Service on First Sundays)

10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

Office of Daily Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.